



# The Parish of St Wilfrid, Newsletter



Incorporating the Four Church Communities of Garston, Grassendale and Allerton.

**Holy Trinity, St Francis of Assisi, St Bernadette, St Austin**

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Fifth Sunday of Easter			Year A Year 2	Sunday 10th May 2020
DAY	FEAST	LITURGY TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Saturday 9th May	Weekday of Easter			Geoffrey Skipper (LD)
Sunday 10th May	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>			People of the Parish
Monday 11th May	Weekday of Easter			Sr Teresita (LD)
Tuesday 12th May	Weekday of Easter			Mike (LD) and Rosa Lawlor
Wednesday 13th May	Feast of the Dedication of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King			John Gregg (RIP)
Thursday 14th May	<b>Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle</b>			Gerry Davies (RIP)
Friday 15th May	Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima			Intentions of George and Pat Craig and family
Saturday 16th May	Weekday of Easter			Pat McGann (Ann)
Sunday 17th May	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>			People of the Parish

### Baptism



By Appointment  
with the Parish Office  
0151 427 4015

### Weddings



By Appointment  
with the Parish Priest  
0151 427 4015

### Sacrament of Reconciliation Confessions



By appointment

### Carmelite Monastery Maryton Grange



Saturday  
Sunday  
Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

**All Masses Cancelled**

## Can I just say....

Should we even be encouraging people to watch livestreamed Masses at home during this time of lockdown or should we be encouraging new ways of praying at home? Should we be so concerned about wanting to see our church buildings open, alive and active again when we should be confronting the very real truth that in this Covid-19 crisis the ones who suffer most are the poor? These are just some questions that have been circulating in discussions and even arguments amongst Christians in the past few weeks. Then along come the readings of this Sunday to tell us all to pull ourselves together. In telling us a lot about who the Church is and who Jesus is, these readings will ask us to wonder why we're asking 'either/or' when we should be demanding 'both/and'. Whether we're locked down or not, we should desire to participate in person in the fullest celebration of the Church's liturgy in the presence of our brothers and sisters and of our Risen Lord, and we should be valuing and celebrating both old and new ways of praying with our families at home. It's only when we celebrate God's merciful love to us in ways both ever ancient and ever new, with both our families at home and in our parish churches, that we'll be nourished to seek God's peace and justice done in the world around us.

The First Letter of Saint Peter encourages Christians to be aware of their job as "living stones," with Christ as cornerstone, to form a "spiritual building", formed in unity, dependent on the free and active cooperation of all those who come to believe. We see suggested in the other readings too the essential characteristics of the Church. Above all else, the Church is where God abides. It's experienced as the spiritual presence of God in the human heart. It's this life that moves each Christian to establish a relation of brotherhood with all others and, moved by love, to offer the same "way, truth and life" to others. The Church, with her simple structure on earth built upon a communion of love is to show the saving and effective love of God for all people.

The Acts of the Apostles today depicts a moment of practical organization in the life of the first Christians and responds to a practical need. There's a division of functions to allow the apostles to dedicate themselves to their priestly task, while consecrating others to attend to the necessary material works and charitable needs. So, as the Church herself continues to teach about herself, the Church is both human and divine, physical and spiritual. There's the Church that we can see, smell and hear, but the Church is too what we cannot sense, whether we're locked down behind a livestream screen or not.

Fr. Joe



### A Message to the Children of our Parish



Keep on sending in those mug shots and self portraits. We've had some really good ones in so far but there are still lots I'm missing! Spread the word to your friends. This will be a really good way for you to be in church with me in a different way while I'm missing you all and a way of celebrating Easter when we remember that we were baptised. Often we do this by being splashed with holy water.

What I thought was if I had some pictures of you I could stick them to the benches and splash them. You could then get your parents to **send in those pictures by post or they could send photos of them in by email.** I could try and get some pictures of you all sitting in the benches in church onto our pastoral area website. Adults, you can join in too if you're missing being splashed with holy water!



### St Wilfrid Care Calls

Working from the parish census of some years ago, we have contacted over 60 parishioners whom St Wilfrid volunteers are calling for a chat. If you would like a call or know someone who would appreciate one, please let Fr Joe know (either email or call/leave a message) with a phone number and name. We are aware some parishioners' details aren't up to date! A massive thankyou to all those making the calls and for the inspiration that has been passed on by those receiving the calls – the volunteers get so much from your positive attitudes and resilience: thank you for your presence and witness to our community here at St Wilfrid's!

### KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

#### CATHOLIC YOUNG WRITER AWARD

*extended until 31 July 2020*

**A project for pupils at Catholic schools, in Years 9-11**

*Imagine that a friend has asked you*

*"Why is Sunday Mass so important?" Write a reply.*

Full information at [www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk)

**News & Events**



### Bereavement Care

Recently bereaved of St. Wilfrid's are offered the prayerful support of the Legion of Mary.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like us to support you in prayer.



# Other News & Information with Dates for Your Diary

PARISH PROJECTS DURING COVID

We've come up with some ways of being church in these times and praying & staying together. Please join in with as much or as little as you feel able and do inform any parishioners who may not be virtually connected. All are welcome! Items can be sent to :

Fr Joe ([sfa@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:sfa@rcaolp.co.uk)) or Helen ([h.jones@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:h.jones@rcaol.org.uk))

## MONTH OF MAY – VIRTUAL ROSARY

To celebrate this Marian month we invite you to share your favourite image of Mary or take a photo of any Marian statue you have at home and send it in so we can create a "virtual" rosary on the website. Also if you have a favourite prayer or song, please let us know or send it along with your picture. "Mary, we praise you, hail, full of grace."



## REFLECTIONS IN A TIME OF COVID



These are unprecedented times for all of us. How has God spoken to you during this time? How have you found space for prayer? What

have you noticed about your relationship with God, or with others? If you have time to write down your thoughts, your experiences, your feelings we'd love to read them and create a collective memory of the parish during this time. They can be in any format (electronic, handwritten, typed, drawn) and we'll compile them into a booklet once we're together as a memory of this time and how God spoke to us.

## STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION: WAY OF LIGHT (VIA LUCIS)

You are invited to a **Zoom Via Lucis** on the evening of the **Ascension on Thursday 21 May 2020 at 7pm**. We will be asking for 14 households to create the stations at home using items they have to hand (e.g. 2 pairs of shoes for Road to Emmaus) and to take pictures of these and will also need readers. It will be a unique opportunity to come together as a parish and pray in a very meaningful way. To take part call or email Fr Joe or Helen. St Wilfrid's will be hosting the event, and we will invite others from the pastoral area to join us. More details during the week! To Zoom you need a WiFi device with camera & mic (phone, computer, Ipad/tablet).



## A PRAYER IN TIME OF DANGER & ILLNESS

God Our Father, each person is precious to You.

You are the Giver of life.

Have mercy on us and protect us at this time, as the Coronavirus threatens health and life.

You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.

Watch over those who are suffering, give strength to those who are aiding the Sick and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.

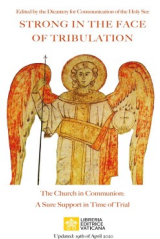
We ask this of you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

## Strong in the Face of Tribulation

A free eBook has been made available by the Vatican, containing prayers, supplications and homilies from Pope Francis which will help strengthen and support you during this crisis.

"A little help offered to all, so as to know how to discern and experience God's closeness and tenderness in pain, in suffering, in solitude and in fear,"  
*Andrea Tornelli, Editorial Director of Vatican's Dicastery for Communication*

Link on the website or search online for **Strong in the Face of Tribulation**



**Pastoral Associate Update:** It is our faith and hope in these days of resurrection that sustain us as "The Easter People". The media company for the Catholic Pic are looking for any recordings of you/your household reading favourite poems or prayers (maybe that you have composed) or singing hymns/songs or sharing drawings to upload on their Social Media to encourage us all. If you would like to contribute do get in touch [h.jones@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:h.jones@rcaol.org.uk) . A reminder too, that Foodbanks are being used more than ever and need your support: Micah Foodbank at [www.micahliverpool.com](http://www.micahliverpool.com) or Liverpool South [southliverpool.foodbank.org.uk](http://southliverpool.foodbank.org.uk) under Give Help/Donate Food. Thank you to Jo Wallace from St Wilfrid's, Garston for providing some sing along hymns on our website: I will add more each week: do have sing! "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." Plato (no less!) Keep well, stay safe, God Bless, Helen

**STOP PRESS:** The Durham Priory Project blog at [www.durhampriory.ac.uk](http://www.durhampriory.ac.uk) has copies of medieval manuscripts for colouring/illuminating - it may keep your household fully occupied!

**LIVE STREAMS** (all links online)

**Sunday Mass** – 9:00am [Vincent De Paul Church Facebook Live](#); 10:00am [St Anne and St Bernard's YouTube Channel](#); 11:00am [Met Cathedral Facebook Live](#) (and recording available afterwards on [YouTube Channel](#)); 11:00am [St Philip Neri Church Facebook Live](#) and [www.cathchap.org.uk](http://www.cathchap.org.uk)

**Daily Mass** – 10:00am: [St Anne and St Bernard's YouTube Channel](#)

**Candle of Hope** 8:15 [FCJ Centre St Hugh's Facebook Live](#) (live Mon, Wed, Fri) - materials online

**Daily Evening Prayer** 6:30pm [St Vincent's](#) – materials online

[www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk) –for newsletters, information and MORE

## For those who are sick:



Elizabeth Loyden, Maria Jones, Siobhan Fennell, Sydney O'Brien, Cynthia Wilcock, Connor Daly, Maxwell Hughes, Luke Reid, Daniel Stranack, Paul Moorhead, Michael Gannon, Adam Pelligrenie, Sally Rattigan, Margaret Green, Sophie McAuley, Catherine Crist, Sandra Cota, Loretta Brown, Sophie Bainbridge, John Ryan, Vanessa Denver, Jean Dolan, Abby Mooney, Jean Long, Sean Armstrong, Joseph Ball, Joan Ball, Linda Barry. Elaine Keane, Mary O'Neill, Maria Winclawski, Tom Kenwright, Greg McCullough, Gerard Doyle, Muriel Mitchell, Frances Reid, David Parry, Paul Roberts, John Tallon, Nicholas Cavanagh, Eileen Fowler, Bethany Gaunt, Peter Thomas, Michael Hogan, Margaret Glennon, John Riding, Gerard Hughes, Paul Connor, Chris Doyle, Kenneth Shillcock, Robert Jost, Pat Toner, Jane Shanley, Vincent Ferns, Gore Davitan, Kathleen Deegan, Keith Garcia, Tracy Hobson, Mary Devaney, Sheila O'Neill, Gerard Murphy, Gerry Simpson, Michael Peter Holmes, Christopher Brown, Philip Hendrick, Dorothy Lynch, Michael Holmes, Josie Malone, Susie Bell, Grace Garnett, Joan Harding, Chris Johnson, Patricia Doyle, Monica Smith.



**Those who have recently died :** William Ash, Agnes Moran, Tony Murphy, Mike Lalor, Sue Abbott

**For those whose anniversaries which occur at this time:** Thomas Gibbons, Mary Fisher, Bernard Diaz, Mary



Bernadette O'Leary, Mary Josephine Powney, Sarah Burke, Jimmy Moore, Margaret Kempson, John Alexander Millar, Elizabeth McCann, Isabel Otten, Terence Joseph Durkins, Eileen Devine, Gayle Marie Lonford, Patrick James McGann, Elizabeth Ashcroft, Patrick Coyne, Thomas Bullen, Stephen McGovern, Joseph Burke, Pauline Rowan, Mary Moore, Stanley Raymond Jones, Thomas Comber, Mary Cottrell, Charles Hurst, John Penketh, Mary Feast, Lucy Ledwith, June Boggan, Robert Byrne, William Vaughan, Ann Bourke, Mary Lang.

## FROM OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS, A PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

O Mary,  
You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you,  
Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.  
"Protectress of the Roman people",  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.



We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;  
do not despise our petitions in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

## STANDING ORDERS

In more normal times we rely on the great work of our volunteers who count the collection money and take it to the bank. We're very grateful to them all but in these times of the lockdown they're unable to come into the presbytery to do what they normally do. Also, we are advised not to travel more than we need to. In these circumstances it might be best for those who wish to contribute to the parish to do so by standing order. If you would like a standing order form please contact the parish office and one can be sent to you by email or post.

**CAFOD**  
Just one world

**CAFOD** has launched an  
urgent appeal to  
respond to the

unprecedented global challenge of tackling the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities. "Coronavirus is a tsunami heading towards the homes of millions of poor communities who have nothing to protect themselves from its devastating impacts," said Christine Allen, CAFOD's Director.

**Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal can be made by phone 0303 303 3030 or online: [cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal)**



**The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham**  
offers a full programme of prayer,  
devotions and liturgy, including Mass.  
[www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream)

**Resources for Prayer at Home**

Ideas for family prayer at home  
[www.liverpoolcatholicresources](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources)

